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## **THE CITY OF WHITE PLAINS YOUTH BUREAU CELEBRATES MENTORS DURING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH**

**White Plains, NY – February 9, 2015.** The City of White Plains Youth Bureau is celebrating National Mentoring Month with a ceremony to honor mentors for the critical role they play in shaping and strengthening our community. The event will be held from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at the White Plains Common Council Chamber located at City Hall on 255 Main Street, 2nd floor.

National Mentoring Month is a celebration of mentoring programs proclaimed by President Obama and in doing so declaring “In a nation of limitless possibility, every child deserves the chance to unlock his or her potential. When young Americans have the support they need to make the most of themselves, they can achieve their dreams and strengthen our country, which has always moved forward by extending ladders of opportunity to the next generation.”

Research shows that quality mentoring relationships play a significant role in youth making responsible decisions, including staying focused and engaging in school, achieving academic and personal goals, and reducing or avoiding risky behavior. “I can think of nothing more important than to set a young person on the right path,” said Mayor Roach, who will personally recognize the White Plains Youth Bureau Mentoring Program participants at the ceremony with certificates and honorary pins for their dedicated spirit of service to help the City’s youth realize their full potential.

The White Plains Youth Bureau’s Executive Director, Frank Williams, and Program Supervisor, Sheila Foley, will be on hand to thank supporters and advocate for how individuals, businesses, government agencies, or non-profit organizations can collaborate to increase mentor participants and the associated “mentoring effect” that assures brighter futures for all youth.

Established in 1988, The City of White Plains Youth Bureau’s Mentoring Program has a long-standing tradition of matching hundreds of youth between the ages of 7 and 18 with caring adults that help unlock their full potential, achieve their dreams and strengthen their community. The Mentoring Program has served as a model for a statewide initiative with approximately 40 active mentors dedicating a minimum of eight (8) mentoring hours per month.